OPINION 1844

Aplysia juliana Quoy & Gaimard, 1832 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific name conserved

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Gastropoda; sea hares; Aplysia juliana.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *sorex* Rang, 1828, as published in the binomen *Aplysia sorex*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *juliana* Quoy & Gaimard, 1832, as published in the binomen *Aplysia juliana*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *sorex* Rang, 1828, as published in the binomen *Aplysia sorex* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2949

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Aplysia juliana* Quoy & Gaimard, 1832 was received from Drs E. Martínez and J. Ortea (*Departamento de Biologia de Organismos y Sistemas, Cl Catedrático Rodrigo Uría sln, Oviedo, Asturias, Spain*) on 6 September 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 21–23 (March 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Dr Alan Bebbington (*Uley, near Dursley, Gloucestershire, U.K.*) was published in BZN **52**: 260–261 (September 1995).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 22–23. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

Dupuis abstained.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

juliana, Aplysia, Quoy & Gaimard, 1832, Zoologie. In: Voyage de découvertes de L'Astrolabe pendant les années 1826-1827 1828-1829 sous le commandement de M. J. Dumont d'Urville, vol. 2 (Mollusques), p. 309.

sorex, Aplysia, Rang, 1828, Histoire naturelle des Aplysiens, première famille de l'ordre des Tectibranches, p. 57.